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SUBJECT: INDIAN AIDE MEMOIRE ON TAPS LICENSE APPLICATION.

1. DURING COURSE OF MARCH 23 MEETING WITH NEA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS INDIAN DCM GOKHALE HANDED OVER AIDE MEMOIRE RELATING TO TARAPUR FUEL SHIPMENT LICENSE APPLICATION NOW PENDING BEFORE THE NRC. INDIANS REQUEST A "FIRM INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE DATE OF SHIPMENT". YOU MAY INFORM THE INDIANS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE NRC ON THIS ISSUE AND HAS PRESSED FOR A POSITIVE DECISION ON THE SHIPMENT. WE EXPECT A DECISION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE ON WHETHER TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF THE FUEL OR TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE LICENSE APPLICATION.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS: QUOTE - AN APPLICATION
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FOR LICENCE (XSNM-1060) TO EXPORT 7638 KGS. (7.6 TONS) OF LOW ENRICHED URANIUM FOR TARAPUR ATOMIC POWER STATION WAS SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 3, 1977. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS BEEN IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE REVIEW OF THIS APPLICATION. THE STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMED US THAT ON JANUARY 26, 1978, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE NRC THE PROMPT ISSUE OF THIS LICENSE.

3. WE WERE ALSO MADE AWARE OF THE PETITIONS BY THE GROUP OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS REQUESTING A HEARING ON THE LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS WELL AS THE STAFF OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION HAVE OPPOSED THE HEARING FOR THIS LICENSE.

4. WE WERE INFORMED OF A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NRC WITH THEIR STAFF ON 16TH MARCH TO DECIDE ON THE QUESTION OF HEARING. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER A HEARING SHOULD BE HELD HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE EXACT STATUS OF THE APPLICATION AND AS TO WHEN AND HOW THE NRC WILL ACT TO DECIDE ON THE ISSUE OF EXPORT LICENSE XSNM-1060.

5. THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DELAY IN THE SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO TARAPUR HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING A FIRM INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE DATE OF SHIPMENT OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL FOR TARAPUR. END QUOTE. VANCE
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